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METHOD, INFORMATION
PROVIDING SYSTEM,
TERMINAL APPARATUS,
AND STORAGE MEDIUM
STORING INFORMATION
PROVIDING PROGRAM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of document (1) is attached.

- (1) Hidetoshi Saigo, et al., "OCN made easy: IP address and routing", First Print, The Telecommunications Association (TTA), November 1, 1997, First Edition, p. 30-37, ISBN 4-88549-410-9.

Document (1) was cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated September 19, 2006, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

A partial English-language translation accompanies document (1). The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language document (1) is believed to be satisfied by the partial English-language translation. See MPEP § 609.

The Japanese Office Action also cites documents JP 8-223206, which was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated December 11, 2002, and document JP 9-34902, which was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 15, 2002, and are therefore not being cited again herein.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

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